

Mississippi River Trade Infrastructure Meeting

Hotel Blackhawk, "Gold Room", 200 E. 3rd Street, Davenport, Iowa

February 5, 2013

Agenda:

- I. **Meeting Overview & Welcoming Remarks** (10 minutes)
Lt. Governor Kim Reynolds
Governor Terry E. Branstad
Mayor Bill Gluba of Davenport
- II. **Mississippi River Infrastructure Status Briefing** (10 minutes)
Gary Meden, Rock Island District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Rock Island District, Deputy Commander for Programs and Project Management
- III. **Panel Discussion: Importance of the Mississippi River to the Iowa Economy** (50 minutes)
Moderator: Lt. Governor Kim Reynolds
Panelists: Governor Terry Branstad, Tara Barney (CEO, Quad Cities Chamber), Ryan Deahr (Member, Iowa Farm Bureau); Col. Mark Deschenes (Commander, USACE, Rock Island District), Debi Durham (Director, Iowa Econ. Dev. Authority), Chuck Gipp (Director, Iowa DNR), Russ Leuck (Member, Agribusiness Association of Iowa); Kevin Rempp (Chair, Iowa Corn Promotion Board), Mike Steenhoek (Executive Director, Soy Transportation Coalition); Paul Trombino (Director, Iowa DOT)
- IV. **Public Comments and Questions** (50 minutes)
Moderator: Lt. Governor Kim Reynolds

Meeting Purpose: The purpose of the meeting is to:

- Bring together key stakeholders who understand the importance of the movement of goods on the Mississippi River to the Iowa economy.
- Discuss concerns about shortfalls in the current trade infrastructure (locks and dams) and draw attention to those concerns.
- Begin conversation on how we can think about the challenges anew and how we can build an effective coalition to make progress and identify a long-term economically sustainable way to manage the River system.

Public Input: State officials are very interested in hearing directly from stakeholders and citizens on the importance of the Mississippi River to the Iowa economy. If you did not have the opportunity to participate in the "Public Comments and Questions" portion of the meeting, or would like to expand on your verbal input, you are encouraged to submit written input via the following avenues: Fax: 202-624-8189; Email:

Doug.Hoelscher@iowa.gov Comments will be distributed to the relevant state personnel.